



Roberts Report

A ministry update
from
Brent & Kerri Roberts

Street Boy

We have a tradition in the Roberts family - story time. Caleb and Gracyn get ready for bed, kiss mommy and daddy goodnight, and then one of us reads them a story. During this time we read all kinds of books and stories and usually end with an excerpt from a children's Bible. Recently we switched to a new book entitled *Street Boy*. It's a fictional story based on Action International missionaries' real life experiences with street kids in the Philippines. The main character, Jaime, struggles with many of the same issues that street children in Zambia struggle with, like extreme poverty, having to steal and pillage for food, fighting with other street kids over territories, drug use to deaden the pain of what seems to be a hopeless existence. The list goes on and on. Jaime, though, finds hope in the hopeless. While attending a camp put on by ACTION missionaries his heart is drawn to Jesus and God completely changes his life from the inside out.

After I read the book myself, I thought it would be a good tool to use to begin teaching our children about street kids and the ministry to which we feel the Lord has called us. So far, so good. Most every night both Caleb and Gracyn are very attentive and ask lots of questions. Kerri and I both pray that God would, in some way, begin to prepare their little hearts for our time in Africa, just as He has begun to prepare ours.

After story time we spend time praying. We pray for these children. We pray that God would comfort them in their daily struggle to live. We pray that many would come to know Christ and the abundant life found in Him. We pray also that the Lord would continue to prepare the way for our arrival. Will you join us in this effort?

Would you also prayerfully consider whether or not the Lord is leading you to partner with us in ministry? We are asking God to raise up a team of people who, by their sacrifices of prayer and finances, see themselves as Zambia bound, along with us. We need people who will commit to us - people to whom we can be accountable, and who will be there to cheer us on and keep us going. Please pray about this and let us know how God might be moving you to be involved.

At this time, our biggest monetary need is for monthly financial partners. We have pledges for 34% of our

monthly support, but need to be receiving 100% support before we are able to buy our plane tickets to Zambia. As you pray, will you please pray specifically about becoming a monthly financial partner? Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate those of you who are standing with us on this journey. It's great to experience God's Church at work!

To mail in a donation, send it to: Action International Ministries, PO Box 398, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-0398. Please specify that the donation is for Brent & Kerri Roberts and whether or not it is to be used as a one-time gift or a monthly pledge. If you prefer to give online there is a link on our web site which will allow you to do so. www.robertsinzambia.blogspot.com

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Prayer & Financial Partners

We've been completely humbled by the willingness of many to partner with us through prayer and giving. We continue to ask God to move in the hearts of His people to join our ministry team! It takes all of us—those who pray, those who give, and those who go—to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus. So far God has provided 34% of our monthly needs and 81% of our one-time needs.

Prayer Requests

- Intimacy with God and sensitivity to His Spirit
- Intimacy, strength and unity in our marriage
- Wisdom in the area of time management
- Smooth adjustment for our growing family
- Prayer and financial partners

"Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your laws, we wait for You; Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts."

Isaiah 26:8

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